

AUGUST MINUTES

REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, August 20th, 2013 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: KCOEM, Training Room

Attendance: Barnaby Dow (KCOEM), Jack Henderson (Kirkland), Sarah Miller (Auburn), Bob Taylor (Covington Water), Jim Tritten (Valley Medical), Monica Walker (KCDNR), Rick Wallace (VashonBePrepared), Bev O'Dea (Bridgeview Consulting), Mark Chubb (KCFD 20), Janice Rahman (KCOEM)

Actions:

- Sam will post maps on SharePoint

Key Updates:

- Amendments to Vision Statement and Objectives (Included below as amended)

Welcome and Introductions

- Laura Gallez from Southwest Suburban Sewer District attended.
- Sam will be switching to part time in mid-September, an oncoming AmeriCorps will be taking over Sam's duties.
- There will be no steering committee meeting in September, as we have multiple public outreach events that month.

Risk Assessment Update

- We must use best available science for demonstrating risk, so even though there may be alternative scenarios available, our duty is to use demonstrated science in mapping risk.
- Each jurisdiction will get a map zoomed-in on their boundaries.
- Maps covering:
 1. Wildfire urban interface (where wildland fire risk areas meet urban areas)
 2. Wildfire fuel class (density of burnable materials)
 3. Landslides, recorded (historic) and future (probabilistic) scenarios
 4. Flood
 5. Tsunami (based on tsunami outside of Puget Sound)
 6. Lahar

7. Severe weather (split into precipitation, temperature, wind power)
 8. Earthquakes (Seattle, Tacoma and Whidbey fault scenarios and probabilistic map)
 9. Liquefaction
- Tetra Tech will walk through the maps at the public meetings so that attendees understand the purpose, source and benefit of the data.

Objectives

- Steering committee proposed and approved a change in previously approved Vision Statement of the term “private entities” to “business, industry.”
- Steering committee discussed amendments to objectives (Included below)

Vision Statement and Objectives as amended by steering committee

Vision Statement

King County is a region that promotes community resilience by eliminating or reducing risks and adverse impacts from hazards, while encouraging hazard mitigation activities by all sectors.

Objectives

1. Increase the resilience of critical facilities, infrastructure and government operations to ensure continuity of operations during and after a hazard event.
2. Consider the impacts of hazards in all planning mechanisms that address current and future land uses and integrate hazard mitigation goals and objectives into other existing plans and programs within the planning area.
3. Develop, improve and protect systems that provide early warnings, emergency response communications and evacuation procedures.
4. Utilize the best available data, science and technologies to improve understanding and stakeholder awareness of the location and potential impacts of hazards, the vulnerability of building types and community development patterns, and the measures needed to mitigate hazards.
5. Seek feasible mitigation projects that provide the highest degree of hazard protection with the best benefit-cost ratio.
6. Emphasize the hazard mitigation message in and promote the value of public outreach and education programs, such as *Take Winter By Storm* and *What to do to Make it Through*.

7. Improve coordination among all sectors to mitigate hazards.
8. Reduce hazard-related risks and vulnerability to potentially isolated populations within the planning area.
9. Retrofit, purchase or relocate structures in high hazard areas, including those known to be repetitively damaged.
10. Strengthen codes to improve the hazard resilience of new construction.
11. Leverage social networks and other social capital mechanisms to educate the public and stakeholders and promote resilience.
12. Seek actions that protect or improve the environment for future environmental conditions.
13. Form private/public partnerships to leverage and share resources.
14. Partner with the private sector, including small businesses, to promote hazard mitigation as part of standard business practice.
15. Educate businesses about contingency planning countywide, targeting small businesses and those located in high risk areas, and promote employee education about disaster preparedness while on the job and at home.

Plan Maintenance Strategy

- Schedule change: Maintenance strategy will be covered in October rather than August

Public Outreach – Phase 1

- One of the venues for the public workshops has been changed- Kirkland City Hall changed to EvergreenHealth Auditorium
- 1-3 steering committee members should attend outreach meetings. Committee members don't have to be at all meetings, and there will be no sign-up process to determine who is going where, but some attendance is important to help the public understand how the plan development process has going and to give insight to the steering committee's role.
- Tetra Tech will have a press release available for review by King County external affairs 2 weeks prior to the public workshops.
- Marketing materials (flyers and business cards) available for any upon request, the updated (including venue change) version of the flyer is available at www.kingcounty.gov/hazardmitigation

Planning Partner Participation

- Using progress report for jurisdictions that already have a HMP- 5 year progress report serves as review of prior actions. Jurisdictions with current plans who are participating in the update will be asked to complete a short progress report on status of their prior mitigation actions (as identified in the 2009 King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan or in individual plans)
- Directions for completing jurisdictional annexes will be sent out with separate tasks split out by month by the end of August.

Summary and closure

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm